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Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

**Thursday November 22
11am-1pm
Green Street UMC
Fellowship Hall**

What can you do to help???

- Bake a pie or cook a turkey (we are expecting turkeys from the food bank) Fill out the bulletin insert and place in the offering plate.
- Help with set up and peel potatoes on Wednesday evening from 6pm to 9pm
- On Thanksgiving Day we need turkey carvers, servers, waiters, and a clean-up crew. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Sanctuary and across from the Hannaford table.

Questions or for more information
Contact Sandy Grady at 207-242-8344



VISIT US ONLINE: greenstreetumc.net



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FROM THE PASTOR:

A Season of Listening!

When Moses struggled in ministry, his father-in-law Jethro offered wise advice. Naomi helped Ruth to navigate her new community. Paul wrote letters to new and struggling churches, giving them advice and wisdom to become stronger, healthier congregations. Jesus taught his disciples, preparing them in turn to mentor new followers for him.

Fruitful ministry requires guidance, nurture and support. Wise guides can deepen our faith. As individuals and as congregations, we learn and grow when we partner with faith mentors.

On All Saints Day (November 4) we celebrate our cloud of witnesses, those individuals who have nurtured, mentored and shaped us. We lift up names of those who have touched our individual lives. As a congregation, we also remember those who have shaped Green Street's ministry through many generations.

Rev. Beth Estock, author of *Weird Church*, has mentored many churches and new ministries. This year she will guide Green Street in developing a new spiritual life ministry. She will be with us at Green Street on November 10 & 11. Our congregation has an amazing opportunity to be nurtured by a wise faith leader - one, who like Paul, will continue in contact with us, offering insights and challenging our growth.

Meet Beth and participate in Green Street's future by attending activities on Saturday and Sunday:

Saturday, 10:30-3:00 (includes lunch)

Sunday, 12:00-2:30 (with potluck lunch following worship)

Pastor Kristin



November 4

Greeters: Sandy and Larry Labreck

Coffee Hour Hosts: Chuck and Evelyn Horstman

November 11

Greeters: Gary and Donna Alexander

Coffee Hour Host: Nancy Merrick

November 18

Greeters: Anne and Della Kimball

Coffee Hour Host: Donna Alexander

November 25

Greeters: Nancy and Kathy Merrick

Coffee Hour Host: Sara Barnum



1 – Elsie Ware

1 – Bessie Goudreau

1 – Ethan Guyaz

3 – Nasya Monroe

8 – Robert Drummond

10 – Michaela Webber

12 – Kathy Merrick

15 – Sally Joy

26 – Dale Gilbert

27 – Shawn Kelly

27 – Susan Kimball

28 – Allan Twombly

28 – Mayla Mitchell

30 – Jane Bishop

Sunday Worship

8am & 10:30am

Sunday School

9am

Guided Meditation

Saturday at 5:30pm

Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8am to 2pm

Pastor's Office

Hours

By Appointment
Only



Sharing and Caring

A couple of months ago, the Covenant Group agreed that our Scripture reading should include, but not be limited to, the week's Psalm and the Gospel reading from the Lectionary, introducing a shared aspect to that part of our covenant. (Lectionary readings can be found at:

https://gbod-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/legacy/kintera-images/worship/Worship_2018-RevisedCommonLectionary-SundaysSpecial-YearB.pdf.) There is an opportunity each Sunday evening to say whether we've found those readings especially meaningful. If other Scriptures have been more personally helpful, they may also be shared. We are enriched by hearing others' interpretations of and reactions to Scripture.

Through the week, we hold one another in prayer. Early on, each member of the group was assigned a prayer partner for one-on-one sharing on a weekly basis. This is particularly helpful, since this sharing inevitably becomes deeper and more personal than that which typically happens in the larger group setting. When and where these meetings take place is a decision each partnership makes and it may vary from time to time. Choices have included the rail trail, a room at the church, the reflection garden, a restaurant, or someone's office. Whatever works for the individuals involved. We recognize that many friendships within the church fellowship serve this same purpose in members' lives. We are blessed by one another.

Within the larger group as well, the weekly sharing enables us to get to know one another better and increases our awareness of being on the Christian journey together even though no two spiritual journeys are identical.

"Many gifts, One Spirit." "I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together." With gratitude for my fellow travelers.

Sally Joy

Green Street Annual Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner

Name: _____ Tele#/E-mail: _____

- I will donate money \$ _____
- I will provide pie(s) type: _____
- I will roast a turkey and have it delivered by 9am on Thanksgiving Day

Volunteer sign up sheets are on the bulletin board across from the Hannaford Table for those who would like to help out the day before or on Thanksgiving Day.

For more information contact Sandy Grady at 207-242-8344

Storm Cancellations & Delays



When worship, a meeting or event is canceled or postponed due to weather we will notify church members in the following ways:

- A One Call Now phone message
- Email
- Facebook Group Page and Public Page

Please let the church office know if you need to be added to any of these three notifications.

Also the Church Answering Machine will have information regarding cancellations and postponements – Call 622-0843 to listen to the greeting.

Any questions contact Darby at the church office 207-622-0843 or greenst@myfairpoint.net



Once again I am so thankful to my Green Street family for the prayers and gifts brought to me while I have been nursing a broken hip.

Bless you all, Marjorie Tribou



Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 3

Pie and Talent Auction Results!

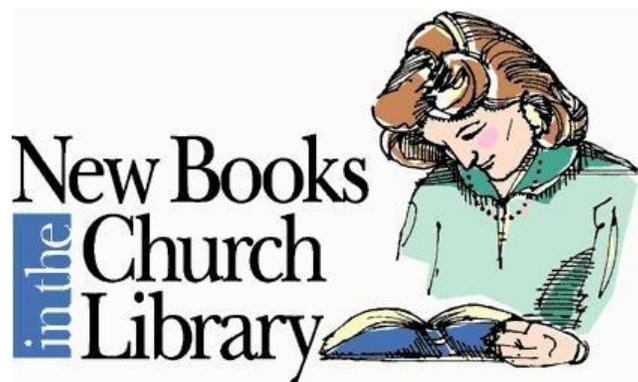
The pie and talent auction was a huge success! \$1200 was raised for the general fund. Many thanks to our talented congregation for their participation and donations to make this fundraiser so successful.

Annual Church Conference

Our Annual Conference will be held on Thursday, December 13 at 7pm.

The SPPRC will meet with our District Superintendent, Karen Munson, at 6pm in the conference room.

All are welcome, however only church members are allowed to vote



Now that the weather is getting cooler and the days drearier, it is time to curl up with a good book!!! And our church library has them. UMW has just added 24 new titles, so come in and take a look. To borrow a book, just sign your name and the title of the book on the tablet on the table by the door. When you are done, return it to the box on the same table. Enjoy!!

Education to Mission:

A House in the Sky by Amanda Lindhout – The inspiring story of a young woman who survived kidnap and being held captive for a year in war-torn Somalia

Hiding in the Light by Rifqa Bary – “After four years of hiding my faith from my family, I knew that it was time. I wrote with shaky hands, ‘Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. I refuse to deny him...’ There was no turning back now. I had to get out of that house if I wanted to live. Was this worth risking everything for? Yes.”

50 Women Every Christian Should Know by Michelle DeRusha – The inspiring stories of the women who helped shape our faith

Without You, There is No Us by Suki Kim – “A book about censorship, trust, fear, love and truth, seen through the prism of a school that functions as a comfortable prison.”

Massacre at Sand Creek by Gary L Roberts – How Methodists Were Involved in American Tragedy

Social Action:

We Shall Not Be Moved by Jane Nickell – Methodists debate Race, Gender, and Homosexuality

Pushout by Monique W. Morris – The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools

Born on Third Base by Chuck Collins – A One Percenter makes the case for tackling inequality, bringing wealth home, and committing to the common good.

America’s Original Sin by Jim Wallis – Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America

Nurturing Community:

She... by Kobi Yamada – She affected all others around her. Quietly touching one heart, who in turn touched another. Reaching out to ends further than she would ever know.

Detained and Deported by Margaret Regan – Stories of Immigrant Families Under Fire

On Pluto by Greg O’Brien – Inside the Mind of Alzheimer’s

Good Health, Good Life by Joyce Meyer – 12 Keys to enjoying Physical and Spiritual Wellness

The Book of Joy by Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu and Douglas Abrams – Lasting Happiness in a Changing World

Leadership Development:

Hollow Faith by Stephen Ingram – How Andy Griffith, Facebook, and the American Dream Diluted the Gospel Spiritual Growth

Bus to Corinth by Ladine Housholder – Five of the original “Well Women” journey through Greece to honor the memory of a friend and retrace the footsteps of Paul the Apostle during his ministry in Athens and Corinth.

Wild in the Hollow by Amber C Haines – On Chasing Desire & Finding the Broken Way Home

The Reason by Lacey Sturm – Revelations of a Rock Princess – how I discovered a life worth living

Adventure of Ascent by Luci Shaw – Luci serves as a fearless and eloquent scout. As she traverses new territory, she records her experiences lovingly, honestly, sorrowfully, joyfully – here’s what it’s like, and here’s what to be ready for. These field notes will inform your own journey, no matter what your age.



UMW Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 1

9AM – 2PM

**Green Street UMC
Fellowship Hall**

Featuring: Crafts, jewelry, home baked goods, candy, Grandmother's attic And much, much more Luncheon of Soup and Sandwiches

**Come check it out!!
Something for everyone!!**

If you are cleaning out things you can no longer use, but are in good condition, and think someone else might want, bring them by. The money we raise goes to the missions of the UMW. You can drop them at Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 30 between the hours of 9AM and noon or contact Nancy Merrick or Sue Pattershall for more information.



A big thank you to the Board of Trustee's for the purchase of 2 new refrigerators. They are so modern and spacious. Thank you for your support in Green Street missions.

Sandy Grady

The United Methodist Economic Ministry Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 4pm to 6pm

Camp Mechuwana Commons, Mechuwana Lane, Winthrop

Friends of UMEM, sponsors, and interested individuals are invited.

Refreshments and appetizers will be served. **RSVP by November 5**
207-678-2611 or email umem@tdstelme.net



Christmas and Advent Decorating

Please join us on Saturday, December 1st at 9am to help with "decking the halls" and "hanging of the greens" at Green Street!



Spiritual
Life Center



Spiritual Life Center - Day of Listening With Rev. Beth Estock

(Our Spiritual Life Center Coach)

Saturday, November 10

10:30am to 2:30pm

(Lunch included)

Sunday, November 11

8am to 2:30pm

(worship and pot luck lunch)

What first brought you to Green Street Church, and why have you stayed?

We may have different reasons for being here, but we all share a love for Green Street! We all want Green Street's ministry to flourish into the future.

Beth Estock, author of *Weird Church*, is working with Green Street this year to envision an abundant future for the church and helping us to develop an effective ministry plan. On November 10-11, Beth will join us at Green Street and in our community. She will learn about us and bring us wisdom from her experience of working with many churches.

You are invited to attend any or all of her sessions with us.

United Methodist Student Day – A Churchwide Special Sunday

Sunday - November 25th

Special Offering

Your generous gift supports scholarships and the United Methodist Student Day loan Funds administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Your decision to give empowers a passionate student to have a future of world changing service and faithful service for Christ. Please give generously.



Simplified Board Highlights

The Simplified Board met Tuesday, October 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Jim Jacobsen shared a devotion on Autumn and the changing seasons, noting that the seasons of our lives change as well. He concluded with Ecclesiastes 3:1 “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.”

Several reports and updates were reviewed, among them:

- Memorial Gifts and Hannaford cards treasurer reports, formation of a committee to prepare 2019 budget, ministry teams have received forms for budget requests
- Stewardship program in progress using Adam Hamilton’s book *Enough*; Consecration Sunday on October 28 with a combined worship service followed by a potluck meal
- The Spiritual Life Center team has been meeting with the coach, Beth Estock; Season of Listening conversations are underway; the team’s next meeting is October 27 to discuss a vision statement, ways to nurture contemplative practices, and prepare for Beth Estock’s visit with the congregation November 10 – 11.
- Many building and grounds tasks have been completed in the last few months – thank you to all involved! – tasks remaining: maintenance to fire protection panel has been scheduled; Exit lights are being replaced as time allows; outside door to Fellowship Hall will be replaced; roof repairs are needed and roof replacement may be needed in five years or so; November 1 workday to de-clutter area behind Fellowship Hall/Choir room
- Kristin expressed her appreciation for the commitment of the congregation as Worship attendance was up by about 10 people per Sunday in September

A list of archived items recommended for disposal had been prepared using guidelines established by the United Methodist General Commission on Archives and History and Maine State Archives. The Board reviewed the items and other than a copy of the 2000 leadership manual that will be placed in the church library, voted to dispose of the other items (2010 and prior bank statements, cash ups, pledge cards, pre-2005 building use requests, etc.) Next month the Board will vote on the entire Record Retention Policy that we have been reviewing and appoint an archivist to cull records according to Policy guidelines.

“A Day of Listening” has been scheduled for Nov. 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in conjunction with Beth Estock’s visit. **The entire congregation is invited and encouraged to attend all or part of this event.** A detailed schedule for the day will be provided ahead of time. Activities will include giving Beth a tour of the church and community, a summary of “Season of Listening” conversations, a panel discussion with representatives from community missions, and a conversation about what it is like to have meaningful conversations. Activities will continue into Sunday with worship followed by potluck, and time to listen to our dreams, our practical needs, and first impressions from our coach.

Our next meeting will be Nov. 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., a week early in order to accommodate Kristin’s schedule.



Green Street UMC

November 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Pastor 5PM Grief Support Group	2 Kristin Away	3 Decorating for All Saints Day 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA Daylight savings
4 All Saint's Sunday	5 Pastor 2 PM Bible Study 3PM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Mandalas 6:30 PM NA	6 Kristin	7 away 5:30 PM Bell Choir 6:45 PM Choir	8 this 5PM Grief Support Group	9 week	10 10:30 am - 2pm Day of Listening 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
11 Veteran's Day Day of Listening 8am – 2:30pm	12 Noon Banners 2 PM Bible Study 3pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM NA	13 9 AM DCOM	14 Noon UMW 5:30 PM Bell Choir 6:45 PM Choir	15 1 PM Visitation Ministry 5PM Grief Support Group 5:30 PM Worship meeting at the Senator	16 Pastor 11:30 M Aids Luncheon	17 Kristin 4:30 PM Angel Food Supper 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
18 on Robin Forbes preaching 11:30 AM Missions Ministry Meeting	19 vaca 2 PM Bible Study 3pm Women's Bible Study	20 tion	21 this 5:30 PM Bell Choir 6 PM Thanksgiving Set Up 6:45 PM Choir	22 week Thanksgiving Community Dinner at 11am	23 vaca Church Office Closed Today	24 vaca 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
25 vaca Chris Thornton Preaching UM Student Day Special Offering Worship Ministry	26 2 PM Bible Study 3pm Women's Bible Study 5 PM Lay Servant 6:30 PM NA	27	28 11:30 AM Sunday School Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir 6:45 PM Choir	29	30	

Notes

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Sunday Worship at 8am and 10:30am

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8am to 2pm – Pastor's Hours by appointment

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